

From: David G
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2016 10:09 AM
To: Parks Scheduling Office <ParkRental@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: NW R/C Ship Modelers fun float schedule

Attention : Michelle Campbell

Per our phone conversation, please add Saturday, June 25, 2016 from 0800 to 1100 am to our fun float schedule. We are all sad the pond will be closed but look forward to next year.

Personally I would like to thank you for your always friendly, cheerful and helpful treatment of our requests.

Best regards,

David G

From: Jenny B
Sent: Wednesday, June 8, 2016 12:33 PM
To: Gonzales, Steve
Subject: Re: Bellevue Track & Field Pizza Party

Steve, thank you!!

You have a great track and field program, with absolutely Amazing volunteers at Tyee weekly and at the Sammamish meet a few weeks ago.

The meet was very well run. Fantastic how all the races ended in the same place, many ribbons were given out, and even HS bystanders helped my son try standing long jump for the first time (when it wasn't in use).

My son is 8 and although very fast is somewhat lazy. :-) This has been his first track and field experience, and he has begun to love it and want to excel/compete and put out more effort. I think at the meet he "got it" - something competitive in him clicked.

I would like to give a special call out to wonderful woman with the megaphone and foot cast at the Sammamish meet.

A special thank you to our weekly Tyee volunteer coaches Nate , Greg, and ?. And especially the very tall Coach Brooks, who had a good sense of humor and lots of patience while keeping these young kids paying attention and involved.

Thanks again to you and your staff!

Jenny

From: doug m
Sent: Sunday, June 12, 2016 9:28 AM
To: Sabochik, Carrie <CSabochik@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: Great Ride - Lk2Lk!

Greetings,

I wanted to thank you at Bellevue P&R for setting up another great Lake-2-Lake bike ride. this was my 4th year riding this fun route. I like the way the long route takes you through so many of our city's parks and older downtown and residential districts. The route truly shows off what a nice city we have. And there are some fun sections and challenges on the route.

Great job on this ride, great support staff, and event support.

Thank you all.

Douglas M

From: GeoffBidwell
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2016 1:07 PM
To: Council <Council@bellevuewa.gov>
Cc: Miyake, Brad <BMiyake@bellevuewa.gov>; Smith, Terry <TSmith@bellevuewa.gov>; Cullen, Terry <TCullen@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: Mercer Slough Park misrepresentation on park lands consumed and sold for light rail

July 14, 2016

VIA Email

Dear Mayor Stokes and members of the Bellevue City Council,

It has come to my attention that information from staff to the Bellevue City Council, to Bellevue Boards and Commissions, and to residents has not been factual. It is your responsibility to represent your constituents and to ensure that staff give accurate information to all concerned.

With respect to the lands being consumed in the Mercer Slough Nature Park, staff has presented incorrect information stating that the 6 acres acquired (Moon/Ross property) will be mitigation for the all of the lands being sold and consumed for Sound Transit light rail. This is false.

The 6 acres acquired by the city were to compensate for the 1.06 acres of State and National Park Service lands used for the Sound Transit train alignment, which amounts to a 6:1 replacement ratio. This information was the basis for the RCO Board approving the conversion and to which the City of Bellevue, King County, and Sound Transit all agreed that park conversion would follow this 6:1 ratio. See Attachments.

It is now obvious since the 90% submittal drawings have been made available, that more than 1.06 acres of park land are being consumed for light rail and that the city has not replaced these additional park lands. These park lands were purchased by tax payers in the 1988 Park Bond, which passed with over 70% city wide support. Selling park land owned by the taxpayers without their knowledge is a violation of the public trust.

The City of Bellevue is not replacing the 4.31 acres of additional park land that is being consumed for the light rail train in the Mercer Slough Nature Park. Surprisingly, there is no final assessor report of these lands taken and sold in order to finance the downtown light rail tunnel.

State policy requires park lands used for non-park purposes for over 6 months be considered permanent takings. Following State policy, the total takings would amount to 29.74 acres. Staff has decided not to follow state policy which is surprising, since Bellevue calls itself environmentally sensitive, a City In a Park, and just last week made a Proclamation noting the importance of parks in the City of Bellevue.

It is troubling that city staff members involved are misrepresenting information in public agreements. We ask the City Council to direct the City Manager to ensure that accurate and true information is provided to the City Council, all Boards, Commissions, and residents.

Sincerely,
Geoffrey J. Bidwell

cc: Brad Miyake, City Manager
Terry Cullen, for Planning Commission
Terry Smith, for Parks Board

Attachment 1: 6 to 1 Conversion RCO confirmation 5.23.2016
Attachment 2: 6 to 1 Conversion King County ltr of support 3.16.2015
Attachment 3: 6 to 1 Conversion Sound Transit ltr of support 3.16.2015
Attachment 4: 6 to 1 Conversion Bellevue ltr of approval 9.9.2014

On Monday, May 23, 2016 3:18 PM, "Barker, Myra (RCO)" <Myra.Barker@rco.wa.gov> wrote

Barker, Myra (RCO) <Myra.Barker@rco.wa.gov>

May 23 at 3:18 PM

To GeoffBidwell

CC Camron Parker (cparker@bellevuewa.gov)

Mr. Bidwell,

RCW 79A.25.100 requires equivalent value and utility and WAC 286-40-050 (1)(c) contains the same requirement. RCO policy as described in Manual 7 includes the requirement for replacement to provide at least equivalent value and utility.

If there is sufficient value and utility in replacement property to satisfy more than one conversion that is allowed. That was the case for the Mercer Slough replacement. Here's an excerpt from the RCFB staff memo on the conversion and replacement:

Evaluation of Fair Market Value

The conversion areas and replacement property have been appraised for fee title interests with market value dates that meet board policy.

	Conversion Property	Replacement Property	Difference
Market Value	\$495,000	\$633,120	+\$138,120
Acres	1.06 Acres	6 Acres	+4.94 Acres

Evaluation of Reasonably Equivalent Utility

The replacement property has similar characteristics as much of the slough, the nature park, and of the conversion areas. It is undeveloped open space consisting of wetlands, wetland buffers, and natural vegetation. The replacement parcel will provide similar utility with wetland habitat that attracts migratory birds and other wildlife.

I hope this is helpful.

Myra Barker
 Compliance Specialist
 Recreation and Conservation Office
 PO Box 40917
 Olympia, WA 98504
 360-902-2976
 360-902-3026 Fax





King County

Dow Constantine

King County Executive
401 Fifth Avenue, Suite 800
Seattle, WA 98104-1818

206-263-9600 Fax 206-296-0194
TTY Relay: 711
www.kingcounty.gov

March 16, 2015

Harriet Spanel, Chair
Kaleen Cottingham, Director
Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Dear Chair Spanel, Director Cottingham and members of the Board:

This letter is in support of the City of Bellevue's proposal to convert approximately one acre of Mercer Slough Nature Park (Conversion) for use with the Sound Transit East Link Extension project (East Link). On behalf of the Sound Transit Board, I respectfully request that the Recreation Conservation and Funding Board (RCF Board) approve the Conversion proposal.

The Sound Transit Board and the City of Bellevue have each approved the East Link project, following nearly eight years of environmental review and collaborative work with local, state and federal agencies. I urge that the RCF Board approve the Conversion request for the following reasons:

- All practical alternatives to the conversion have been evaluated and rejected based on sound technical analysis and in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act. Furthermore, the Conversion analysis was upheld in two separate appeal proceedings including approval by a Hearing Examiner, a Superior Court judge and a federal district court judge.
- The proposal provides for replacement park land at a ratio of 6-to-1, and provides an estimated \$138,120 more in market value return to the Mercer Slough Nature Park. Additionally, the replacement parcels contain significant wetland habitat and will provide a connection between previously separated portions of the Park. These replacement parcels are the last missing pieces to make the entire Park contiguous and whole.
- The public has had extensive opportunities for participation in the process.

Harriet Spanel
Kaleen Cottingham
March 16, 2015
Page 2

Thank you for your attention to this topic and I urge your approval of this Conversion request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dow Constantine". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dow Constantine
King County Executive
Chairman of the Board, Sound Transit



March 16, 2015

Harriet Spanel, Chair
Kaleen Cottingham, Director
Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Dear Chair Spanel, Director Cottingham and members of the Board,

Thank you for considering this letter in support of the City of Bellevue's proposal to convert about one acre of Mercer Slough Nature Park for transportation use (Conversion). The proposed Conversion will allow Sound Transit's East Link Extension project (East Link) to be built along the western edge of the park. On behalf of Sound Transit, I respectfully request that the Recreation Conservation and Funding Board (RCF Board) approve the Conversion.

Sound Transit's mission supports communities, the environment and economy by providing affordable, environmentally-friendly public transit that connects residents to where they live, work and play. The East Link Extension expands the regional light rail system from downtown Seattle to Redmond, connecting Mercer Island and Bellevue along the way. After almost eight years of environmental review, collaborative work with local, state, and federal agencies, and extensive public involvement, the East Link project was approved by the Sound Transit Board and the Bellevue City Council in 2013.

Sound Transit urges that the RCF Board approve the Conversion request for the following reasons:

- All practical alternatives to the Conversion have been evaluated and rejected based on sound technical analysis.
- The proposed replacement land is of at least equal fair market value and of reasonably equivalent recreation usefulness and location.
- The public has had opportunities for participation in the process.

First, all practical alternatives to the Conversion have been evaluated and rejected on a sound basis. Through almost eight years of study and public processes, Sound Transit conducted an extensive evaluation of reasonable and practicable alternatives to the conversion, including avoidance, under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), and

CHAIR

Dow Constantine
King County Executive

VICE CHAIRS

Paul Roberts
Everett Councilmember

Marilyn Strickland
Tacoma Mayor

BOARD MEMBERS

Claudia Balducci
Bellevue Mayor

Fred Butler
Issaquah Mayor

Dave Earling
Edmonds Mayor

Dave Enslow
Sumner Mayor

John Lovick
Snohomish County Executive

John Marchione
Redmond Mayor

Pat McCarthy
Pierce County Executive

Joe McDermott
King County Council Vice Chair

Mary Moss
Lakewood Councilmember

Ed Murray
Seattle Mayor

Mike O'Brien
Seattle Councilmember

Lynn Peterson
Washington State Secretary of Transportation

Larry Phillips
King County Council Chair

Dave Upthegrove
King County Councilmember

Peter von Reichbauer
King County Councilmember

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Joni Earl

Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act. Sound Transit's alternatives analysis was reviewed and approved by multiple federal, state, and local agencies with expertise in transportation and open space issues, including the Federal Transit Administration, the Federal Highway Administration, and U.S. Department of Interior. In two separate appeal proceedings, Sound Transit's analysis was challenged and upheld by a Hearing Examiner, a Superior Court judge, and a federal district court judge. This rigorous alternative evaluation process to select the adopted East Link project meets state and federal requirements for converting properties.

Second, the proposed replacement properties for the converted lands are more than fair market value and of greater recreation usefulness and location. The one acre of converted land will be replaced with a six acre property. The fair market value of the replacement properties is \$138,120 more than the value of the converted properties. One of the converted properties includes a small residence and is adjacent to the Blueberry farm retail buildings and parking. The other converted property is steeply sloping with vegetation and trees. In addition, the locations of these properties are adjacent to the congested arterial, Bellevue Way SE. In comparison, the replacement properties are natural open space and wetlands that would support the natural habitat park functions better than the existing properties. Additionally, the replacement properties are the last missing pieces to make the entire Mercer Slough Nature Park contiguous and whole.

Third, the public has had extensive opportunities for participation in the process. Sound Transit's alternatives analysis provided numerous opportunities for public comment and other forms of participation, including opportunities for appeals to a Hearing Examiner, to state court, and to federal court. With the Board's consideration of the Conversion Request in two meetings in 2014, the public has had more opportunities to participate in the RCO conversion process.

Thank you for considering the City of Bellevue's Conversion Request and Sound Transit urges you to approve it.

Sincerely,



Michael Harbour
Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Cc: Brad Miyake, City Manager City of Bellevue



Public Comment Opportunity

Mercer Slough Nature Park East Link Parkland Conversion and Replacement

The City of Bellevue is requesting approval of the State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board and the National Park Service to convert 1.06 acres of parkland to transportation use. The conversion involves two separate parcels on the western edge of Mercer Slough Nature Park that received state outdoor recreation grants, including a federal Land and Water Conservation Fund grant, for acquisition in the 1970's. As required by the grant conditions, replacement parkland will be acquired on the east edge of the same park that is similar in function and value of the area being converted (see map on next page).

The conversion is for the East Link Light Rail Extension, sponsored by Sound Transit and the Federal Transit Administration. East Link will bring high-capacity transit service from Seattle, through Bellevue to Redmond. Along Bellevue Way SE, East Link requires use of park land, but maintains park recreational functions and attributes by preserving or relocating certain driveways, sidewalks, trails and park facilities. These impacts, the proposed parkland conversion and the process for parkland replacement were evaluated and published as part of the East Link Environmental Impact Statement process.

The proposed replacement property exhibits the same wetland and wetland buffer conditions as the areas of the park being converted. The replacement property also connects two sections of the park that have long been separated. The property is large enough to offer sufficient area to match and exceed the area being converted and to exceed the value of the area being converted as well.

Property	Size	Value
North Parcel	0.77 acre	\$240,000
South Parcel	0.29 acre	\$255,000
Total Area to Convert	1.06 acre	\$495,000
Replacement Property	6.00 acres	\$633,120

Written comments on the conversion will be accepted through September 19, 2014. Email comments to cparker@bellevuewa.gov, or mail to Bellevue Parks, Attn: Camron Parker, P. O. Box 90012, Bellevue, WA 98009-9012. Call (425) 452-2032 with any questions.

More detailed information on the proposed parkland conversion will be presented to the Bellevue Parks & Community Services Board, where comments can be provided in-person during Oral Communications at the beginning or end of the public meeting.

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, September 9, 2014 • 6:00 p.m.
 PLACE: Bellevue Golf Course • Clubhouse Conference Room
 5500 140th Avenue NE, Bellevue, WA

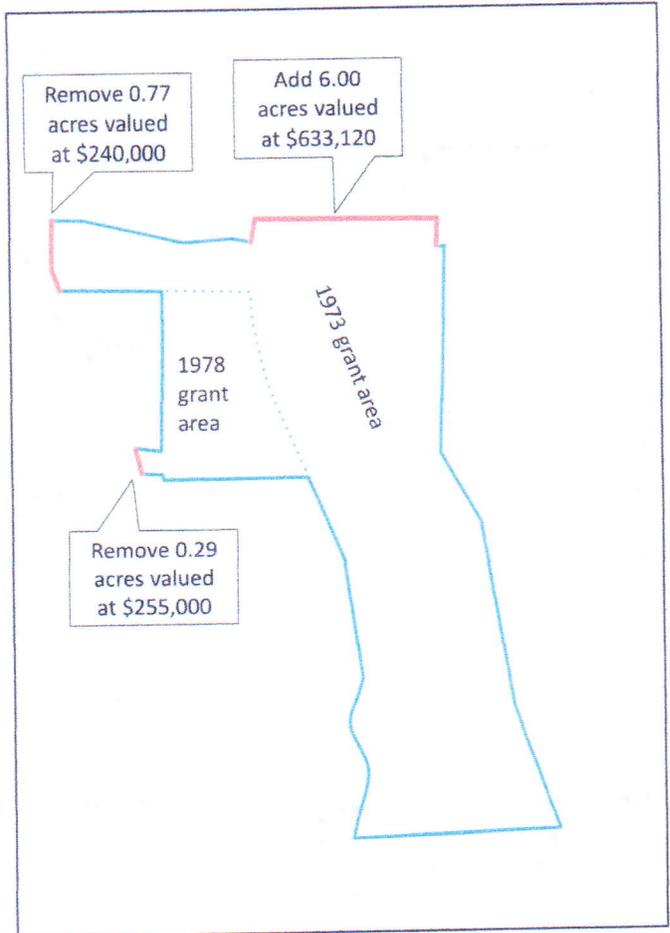
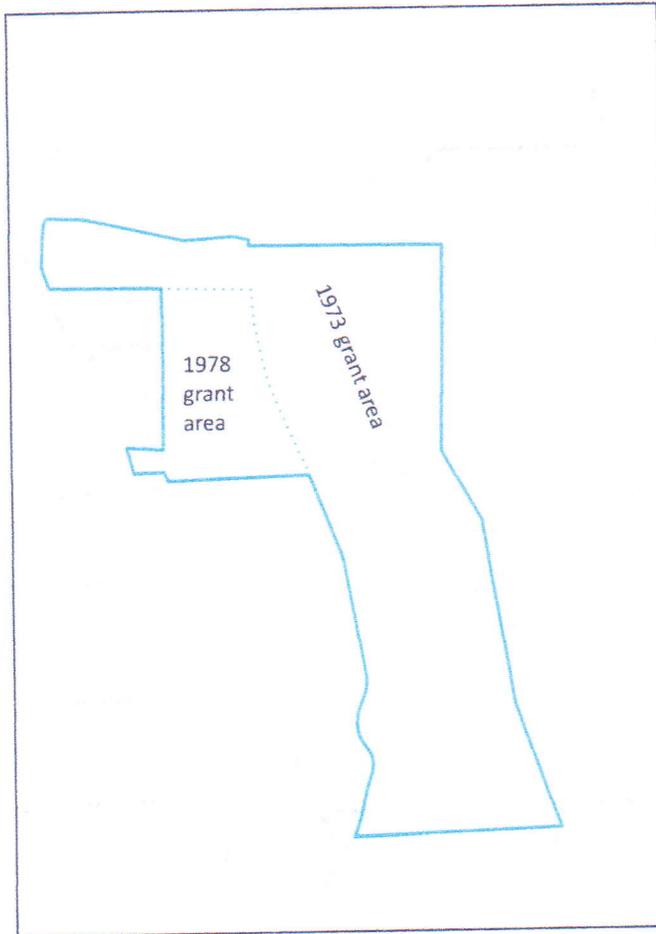
Wheelchair accessible. American Sign Language (ASL) or other interpretation available upon request. Call at least 48 hours in advance for any request. (425) 452-4162 or Relay Service 711.



Mercer Slough Nature Park Conversion

Existing Boundary

Proposed Boundary



From: Randy P
Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2016 9:35 PM
To: Byers, Julie <JByers@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: Seafair extra parking for boaters

To whom it my concern.

Will the city of Bellevue be providing free satellite parking for the Southeast 40th Street Boat Launch and providing free shuttles from that lot to the launch?

See below.

Regards
Randy

On Wednesday, August 3, 2016 11:30 AM, "JByers@bellevuewa.gov" <JByers@bellevuewa.gov> wrote:

Hello Randy,

There will be a shuttle service from Newport H.S. to the boat launch Friday – Sunday, from 9am – 9pm. We will have directions at the boat launch if needed.

The cost for a daily launch will be \$16.00.

Best,

Julie Byers
Bellevue Aquatic Center
425-452-4444

From: Randy P
Sent: Wednesday, August 03, 2016 1:25 PM
To: Byers, Julie <JByers@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: Re: Seafair extra parking for boaters

Thank you Julie that was very helpful. Have a great week.

Randy

On Wednesday, August 3, 2016 5:19 PM, JByers@bellevuewa.gov wrote:

Have a fun and safe Seafair Randy!

From: Randy P

Sent: Monday, August 15, 2016 8:02 AM

To: Byers, Julie <JByers@bellevuewa.gov>

Subject: Re: Seafair extra parking for boaters

Julie,

I wanted to let you know that the city of Bellevue did an amazing job with the boat launch in Newcastle during Seafair. The entire experience was flawless. The transportation to and from Newport high School was perfect and the driver was awesome. She even remembered me during my return trip. Thank you and the city of Bellevue for providing this wonderful service.

Randy

From: James B
Sent: Saturday, August 13, 2016 5:19 PM
To: Armstrong, Scott <SArmstrong@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: Meydenbauer beech life guards

Good afternoon-

I just wanted to drop you a note that we are currently at meymdenbauer beach and just witnessed some exceptionally professional behavior by your lifeguards. They were faced with a group of parents that had a daughter who did not pass the swim test and decided that they did not need to follow the rules of the beach and let turreted daughter swim in the deep anyway. Earlier the mom had also decided that she could float in an inner tube wherever she wanted and was asked politely to return to the shallow area, where she commented out loud to everyone "its not like I am going to die!" Which the entire beach heard.

As a former lifeguard, I felt they dealt with the situation admirably even after the father became confrontational and said he didn't need to talk to them and that it was his daughter and he could do what he wanted. Lifeguards asked him to come talk to speak with them on the shore, to which he responded " no,you can come here (meaning in the deeper water). They (adults) then laughed off the guards, even when park personnel showed up. I felt the adults had very poor behavior and showed a very poor example to the beach and their child.

Just wanted to offer up my view and commend your guards.

Kindest regards,

James B

From: Armstrong, Scott
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2016 8:41 AM
To: James B
Cc: Simmons, Patrick S. <PSimmons@bellevuewa.gov>; VonWald, Cathy <CVonwald@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: RE: Meydenbauer beech life guards

James,

Thank you for the feedback, the swim test rule often becomes an issue with parents. But it's in place to offer a safe environment for park users. Thank you for sharing your comments.

Thanks,
Scott W. Armstrong
Aquatics manager
City of Bellevue

From: Pauline C
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2016 3:53 PM
To: ServiceFirstVM <ServiceFirst@bellevuewa.gov>; Kelsey Creek Farm <KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: Great job - Thank you Kelsey Creek Farm - Summer Camp!

Dear Alia,

I just wanted to send a quick note thanking the Kelsey Creek Farm Staff and Summer counselors! I have placed my eldest son who is now 8 and my daughter, over 4 years old in the Kelsey Creek Farm program and can't say enough positive things, but here's our family's Top Three:

- 1) Love the Farm, beautiful surroundings, and animals-- wonderful that we have an urban oasis and can preserve the farm roots and history.
- 2) Love the counselor selection and staffing for Summer Camp-- I've seen my daughter really blossom with positive interactions with the great counselor staff.
- 3) Love the wonderful weekly themes and program variety especially since as a full time working mother, my kids are in the Extended Camp as well.

Also if I could just make one plea, is it possible to open up more slots for the last week of Kelsey Creek Farm- pony camp? My daughter is on the wait list, but it would mean a lot if she can get in.

Many thanks from a long time Kelsey Creek fan!
Pauline C

Mom to Marcus and Madeline

